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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1624**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 11, 2005 and further to the Notice of Appeal filed February 28, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case:

There are no Amendments to the Specification.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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